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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner : Not Assigned  
Title : HYDROMETALLURGICAL  
PROCESSING OF MANGANESE  
CONTAINING MATERIALS  
Group Art Unit : Not Assigned

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371,  
applicant notes a previously submitted executed Oath/Declaration with a  
communication dated August 31, 2004.

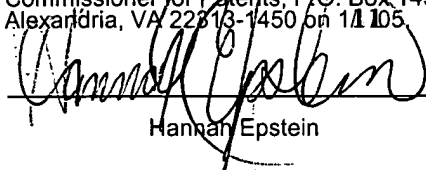
A copy of that communication with the attached executed Oath/Declaration as  
well as a copy of the related postcard stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark  
Office as having been received on September 3, 2004 are enclosed.

Accordingly, it is submitted that applicant has previously and fully complied with  
all requirements, including the submission of the combined Declaration and Power of

Attorney. As a result, the subject application should proceed to examination.

A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is also enclosed.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

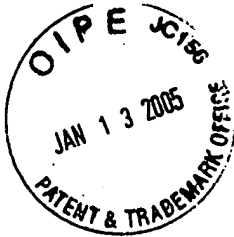
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**COMMUNICATION ENCLOSING OATH/DECLARATION  
AND ASSIGNMENT**

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Sir:

In order to complete the application filing process, enclosed please find a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney duly executed by applicant Ward as well as an Assignment for recordation also executed by applicant Ward and transferring ownership to HiTech Energy Limited.

Also enclosed is a check payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks in the amount of \$105 to cover the late filing fee for the Declaration and the Assignment recordation fee.

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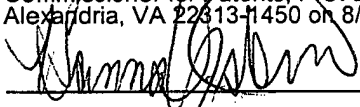
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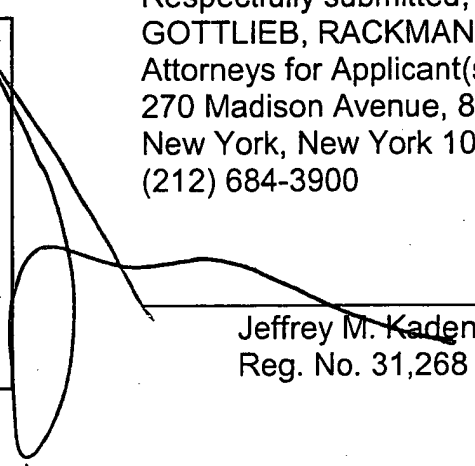
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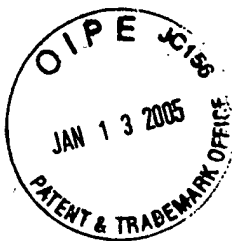
  
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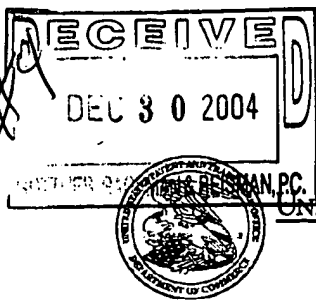
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/09/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/09/2004
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/09/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/09/2004
- Small Entity Statement filed on 07/09/2004
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 07/09/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/09/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 07/09/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions

of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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